MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*) : This Abraham has sufficient practical experience only as a Counter. Should he not have practical experience as printer ?

MR. R. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Ag. Financial Secretary to Government*) : Anyhow he has already been appointed and he has gained practical experience.

MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*) : In regard to part (*d*) of the answer, may I know whether they have examined the files in the office before they gave this answer ?

MR. R. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Ag. Financial Secretary to Government*) : A report was called for from the Superintendent and he has stated that he has not given the contract to any person employed in the Stamp Manufactory.

MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*) : I want to know whether Government have examined the files before giving this answer ?

PRESIDENT : The member must accept the fact as stated and not proceed to dispute it. Will you please sit down ? You had your answer.

MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*) : Will you please make an enquiry ?

PRESIDENT : You have just got the answer.

MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*) : I have another question. May I know whether some of the employees petitioned the Dewan through the Superintendent of the Stamp Manufactory ?

MR. R. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Ag. Financial Secretary to Government*) : It does not arise from this question.

Disbursement of Salaries to some Headmistresses.

171. **MR. G. RAMAN MENON** (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*) : (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to ascertain whether some Headmistresses of incomplete Vernacular Middle Schools for Girls who had been drawing permanent salaries of Rs. 30 or Rs. 27 per mensem prior to April 1922, have been drawing a salary of only Rs. 22 per mensem, without any personal allowance, for about three years past, the balance being withheld in the bills for the period ?

(*b*) Will the Government be pleased to draw the attention of the Director of Public Instruction and the other officers concerned to the following passage in the Government Proceedings No. Fl. 896, dated the 29th April, 1922, regarding some Headmistresses of incomplete Vernacular Middle Schools for Girls :—

"Headmistresses who now draw Rs. 30 and Rs. 27 will continue on those salaries and will be paid the local allowance of Rs. 4 in addition ?"

(*c*) Will the Government be pleased to ascertain what action has been taken by the superiors of the Headmistresses concerned regarding the representations made by the latter about the grievance referred to ?

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(*d*) Will the Government be pleased to do the needful for removing the long-standing grievance?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) and (*d*) Government have since sanctioned the grant of a personal allowance to each of the teachers concerned to cover the difference in their pay, with effect from the 1st Tulam 1098.

(*c*) It is reported that no representation of the kind referred to in part (*a*) of the question has been received from any of the teachers.

Fee Concessions to Sea Coast Christians.

172. **MR. X. G. LOPEZ** (*Nominated*): (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to state the various communities to which full fee concession and those to which half-fee concession has been granted?

(*b*) What are the considerations that have induced the Government to grant such concessions and why do the same not hold good in the case of sea-coast Christians?

(*c*) Will the Government be pleased to state whether sea-coast Christians were at any time as a class granted any sort of fee concessions? If so, why has such concession been withdrawn?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The Member is referred to G. O. R. Dis. No. 463 of 24/Leg. E., dated the 15th May 1924, published on pages 248, 249 and 250 of the Education Sheet of the *Government Gazette*, dated the 20th May 1924. The Veerasaiva community has since then been declared backward in respect of Vernacular and English education and the Telugu Chetty and the Salia communities in respect of English education only.

(*b*) The main considerations which have induced the Government to grant such concessions are poverty and backwardness in point of education. These hold good in the case of sea-coast Christians as well and such of them as belong to one or other of the backward communities mentioned in the G. O. quoted above are eligible for it.

(*c*) The answer is in the negative.

Qualifications of Teachers employed in Malayalam Schools.

173. **MR. X. G. LOPEZ** (*Nominated*): (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to state whether candidates holding Tamil Higher, Tamil Elementary, Lower Secondary and Matriculation certificates without Malayalam even as optional subjects are qualified to teach Malayalam in Vernacular Schools, aided or departmental?

(*b*) If not qualified, have such teachers been employed in such schools?

(*c*) If such be employed—

(i) have they been exempted under any specific order; and

(ii) on what considerations have they been allowed to teach Malayalam?

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